

Loveland, CO, Tom Wagoner, for his distinguished career of service to the people of Loveland.

Chief Wagoner was born in Minnesota and raised in eastern Illinois. After spending 2 years in the Army, he became a police officer and joined the Greeley, CO, Police Department in 1979. Having served in several positions in the Greeley Police Department, Chief Wagoner left Colorado in 1987 to be the police chief in Tullahoma, TN.

Fortunately, it was not long before Chief Wagoner came back to Colorado to serve as the police chief in my hometown of Loveland in 1989. The city of Loveland has greatly benefited from his leadership. Over the course of his tenure, he made many additions to the department, including a mounted patrol unit, a motorcycle unit, a community policing program, and a new radio system. Chief Wagoner also presided over a move to a new police headquarters in 2002 and has ensured that the Loveland Police Department has received national accreditation since 1992.

I thank Chief Wagoner for over 15 years of service to the citizens of Loveland. He leaves behind a difficult set of shoes to fill, and he will be missed.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, I am proud to recognize and honor the American Thoracic Society for its continuing commitment to the prevention and treatment of respiratory disease.

While respiratory disease may not pose the same public threat that it did 100 years ago, we cannot forget, nor overlook, the need to continue our fight against such debilitating illnesses. It is imperative that we continue to explore the causes and effects of respiratory disease as well as educating the public here and abroad.

Since its establishment in 1905, the American Thoracic Society has demonstrated an unyielding determination to reduce the number of deaths from respiratory disorder and acute illness. I commend ATS for its dedication to the cause.

ATS not only directs its attention to the care and treatment of respiratory disease patients, it also places preventive practices at the forefront of its mission. Through extensive scientific research, ATS has established itself as a leader in the discovery of new information and knowledge. Furthermore, ATS has developed numerous educational programs, as well as several medical journals, to help keep both the medical community and the public up to date on new scientific information and innovative practices.

Finally, ATS has established itself as a leading advocate of respiratory research, paving the way for unprecedented developments in the treatment of respiratory disease. As host of the

world's leading respiratory medicine conference, which provides doctors and scientists the opportunity to share their successes with specialists from all over the world, ATS has truly confirmed its status as a leader in the medical community.

Over the years, ATS has grown to meet the needs of the changing world in which we live, while never losing sight of its basic goals of prevention and treatment. I congratulate the American Thoracic Society on its 100 years of outstanding research and innovation.●

#### BRIGADIER GENERAL GERVIS A. PARKERSON

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Brigadier General Gervis Parkerson is a lifelong resident of Mississippi, having graduated from Gulfport High School in 1967 and Mississippi State University in 1971. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from college and completed Officer Candidate School at Quantico, VA. He graduated from Naval Flight School in 1972 and served as a carrier based pilot in the Marine Corps until 1976.

He is a Master Aviator with over 7000 flight hours, having flown in the T-42A, U-8F, U-21A, CH-53D, T-34, T-28, OH-6A, UH-1H, and the C-7A with the United States Marine Corps, and the 1108th AVCRAD.

After leaving active duty, Brigadier General Parkerson returned to Mississippi and was employed in the private sector. In 1980, he joined the Mississippi Army National Guard with the 114th Area Support Group, and in 1981 began full-time duty as Aircraft Maintenance Officer, HHC 114th Area Support Group, in Hattiesburg, MS.

He assumed command of the 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, in 1994 at the rank of Colonel. As Commander, he directed the maintenance of over 500 aircraft within the 9 southeastern States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The AVCRAD also provided sustainment maintenance to the Army Aviation and Missile Command's Corpus Christi Army Depot, as well as mobilization of non-deployable assets for the Army National Guard.

Brigadier General Parkerson has received several awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and Meritorious Unit Citation. He has also received the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, one of the highest medals awarded to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America by the Governor of the State of Mississippi. Additionally, he was awarded the Bronze and Silver Order of Saint Michael from the Army Aviation Association of America for his superb dedication to Army Aviation.

Brigadier General Parkerson has been married to his wife, Brenda, for the past 26 years and they are the proud parents of two grown children, Beau and Leah.

Through his personal contributions and effective leadership, Brigadier General Parkerson has greatly strengthened the United States Army and the Mississippi National Guard while reflecting great honor upon himself, his family, and those with whom he has served.

Under the authority of the State of Mississippi, he will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and placed on the retirement list after 34 years of dedicated commissioned service. On behalf of the United States Senate, I would like to thank Brigadier General Parkerson for his honorable and tireless service to this Nation, and congratulate him on completion of an outstanding and successful career.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1224. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1127. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress all documentation related to the Secretary's recommendations for the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2316. A communication from the Founder, National Slave Ship Museum/Landrieu Project 146300, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled "Implementation and Appropriations of Public Law 103-433, Title XI—Lower Mississippi Delta Initiatives"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2317. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2318. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis; Reduction in Timeframe for Movement of Cattle and Bison from Modified Accredited and Accreditation Preparatory States or Zones Without an Individual Tuberculin Test" (APHIS Docket No. 04-065-1) received on May 24, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2319. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Science and Technology Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plant Variety Protection Office, Supplemental Fees" (Docket No. ST-02-02) (RIN0581-AC31) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2320. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 927" (Docket Numbers: AO-FV-927-A1; FV04-927-1) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2321. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Exxon and Stripper Well Oil overcharge funds as of September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2322. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB11) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2323. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's first annual financial report required by the Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003 (ADUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2324. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2005: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2325. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2326. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2327. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2328. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Environmental Differential Pay for Asbestos Exposure" (RIN3206-AK64) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2329. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2330. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2331. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Administration, received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2332. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report required by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2333. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Doc. No. FEMA-7871) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2334. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR 64) (Doc. No. FEMA-7873)) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2335. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR 67) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2336. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation DD—Truth in Savings" (Docket No. R-1197) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2337. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Secretary for Health and Human Services, and the Attorney General of the United States, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, an Interim Report from the Interagency Working Group on Synthetic Drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2338. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Alpha-Methyltryptamine and 5-Methoxy-N, N-Diisopropyltryptamine into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act Final Rule Substantive nonsignificant No reg flex No info collection" (DEA-252) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2339. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Certain Scientists of the Commonwealth of Independent States of the Former Soviet Union and the Baltic States as Employment-Based Immigrants" ((RIN1615-AB14) (CIS 2277-03)) received on May 23, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 494. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-72).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-73).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.